

Cycle Oregon cyclists looking for local homes to stay in over night

When Cycle Oregon comes to Vernonia, September 16, most of the 2,000 riders will be sleeping in tents behind the grade school and high school. Some of the cyclists, however, prefer a real bed and like to stay

in a local home when possible.

Anyone who is interested in hosting a rider overnight in their home, with or without a fee, should contact Donna Webb, with the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce, 503-429-6081.

Reminder: Boater ed. card needed

The Oregon State Marine Board wants to remind boaters 45 and younger to take a boating safety course and apply for their permanent boater education card. A boater education card is required when operating a powerboat over 10-horse power.

Last year, over 600 citations were issued to boaters who did not have their boater education card, according to a Marine Board spokesman. Failure to have a boater education card carries a \$94 citation.

The boater education card costs \$10 and is good for life. Studies show that educated boaters are less likely to be involved in accidents. "The goal is to reduce accidents, injuries

and property damage on Oregon's waterways," said Ashley Massey, the mandatory education coordinator for the Marine Board.

Boaters can attend a classroom course, go online and take an approved internet course or sign up at your local sheriff's office to take an equivalency exam (designed for experienced boaters). Classroom and internet courses charge a nominal fee to take the exam and equivalency exams are free. Visit the Marine Board website at <www.boatoregon.com> or call 503-373-1405, ext. 273, for classroom locations, approved internet courses, or information about equivalency exams.

VHS Class of 1985 schedules reunion for August 5, 2005 at Scout Cabin

The Vernonia High School class of 1985 will be holding their 20 year reunion on Friday, August 5 at the Scout Cabin, Hawkins Park. The reunion is open to anyone who attended school with the class of 1985 at any time from Kindergarten through grade 12.

Deadline for registration/payment is June 24. Please contact Jamie (Gallaty) Whitmore at 503-359-9726 or <tealeeves@msn.com> or Elizabeth (Fletcher) Marxer at 503-861-1766 or <coasteez5@hotmail.com> or go to <vernoniaclassmates.com> for registration forms and pricing information.

Organizers are seeking the following people, as well as many others: Annie Walker Plummer, April Van Zandt, April Walker, Barry Charles, Becky Russell, Benny Cutright, Bobbi Jo Shaw, Bonnie Lusby, Britt Taylor Debel, Christina Battrick, Chuck Abbott, Cory Hall, Darin Krieger, Dave Anderson, David Connor, David Roberts, Dawn Collard, Delbert Pringle, Frank Steele, Jamie Fletcher, Janie

Rau, Jeff Hall, Jenise Dickinson, Jimmy Colter, Jody Riley, John Wohlfarth, Katie Laubach, Kim Patton, Kyle Spivey, Larry O'Black, Lisa Brewer, Mark Tolonen, Marty Berge, Michele Mathews, Nicky Shafer,

Pamela Shannon, Pat Fife, Rhonda Roberts, Rita Kincaid, Roger Lindsley, Sheila Skillin, Sig Mitchell, Stacy Shattuck, Tammy Brown, Tony Shirley, Tracy Wright, Travis Argue, Troy Ostrander.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



chew it over, write, re-write, scrap, cut, toss and finally still feel something needs to be said – so – here goes. The new color of the Senior Center, in my opinion, is an affront to the general senior population of Vernonia. They didn't even paint the entire building. Yes, people laugh, giggle, and say it's cute or pretty, but, look at their faces as they speak.

In reference to a letter from last week. I do not apologize for my Bite. I've lived here since 1986, was a senior when I moved here, have no kinfolks anywhere in this area, but I've been involved in much – such as the first group that tried to get new safe schools here but it was too costly. Read the entire paper of May 5. You will learn a

Hello. This is my opinion – I think much, sometimes say much,

lot. Perhaps, some of you may recall we learned that if nature decided to have its way, Washington, Lincoln and even the "new" high school could implode on themselves with no help from the townspeople. We wanted safe buildings for the future generations and not just good looking ones.

OK, onto the lighter side of life. There were many people working around the town and lake the weekend of May 7. I talked to several of the lake users and one comment that kept popping up, I'm sorry to say, was about male dogs using the tables and benches for watering posts. Aren't they supposed to be on a lead? Can't folks understand kids play

there. That was not the end of our conversations, but I do hold confidences at present.

All in all, May has been very interesting – some sun, rain, Mother's Day – thank you all who dropped in at the Senior Center for the Vernonia Cares sponsored lunch. Good food and visiting with friends. Make Vernonia Shine was well attended, results seen everywhere. Memorial Day is May 30. Then comes June with Father's Day. Then school is out for the summer – hopefully Bridge Street traffic will improve – at present it's an awful bottleneck with parking on both sides of the street. It won't be long before the Christmas Bazaars!

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